

House Resolution No. 4179

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a momentous occasion in the life of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Bernice Neel Church, a treasured resident of Cabool, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundred Third Birthday on September 4, 2005; and

Whereas, Bernice Church came into this world in Redford on September 4, 1902, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Christopher and Zora Bell Neel, who welcomed her into this world as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, on April 21, 1921, Bernice embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved John Church, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she shared the love and affection of seven fine children; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who liked to quilt, Bernice Church enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as an educator, café owner, and employee of the United States Post Office; and

Whereas, Bernice Church has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family which includes her seven children, Melba Rose, Evelyn, Letty Sue, Rebecca, Noah, F.M., and C.C.; her forty-one grandchildren; and her many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now one hundred three years young, Bernice Church faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with her friends at the Kabul Nursing Home where she now resides:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Bernice Church as she proudly celebrates one hundred three years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and prosperity as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Bernice Neel Church, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Don Wells
District No. 147

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4179, adopted August 15, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker